#### IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Magali BOU et al.

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Group 1657

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ALCOHOL-TOLERANT MALOLACTIC STRAINS FOR THE MATURATION OF WINES WITH AVERAGE OR HIGH PH

### DECLARATION OF AVAILABILITY AND MAINTENANCE OF MICROORGANISM

Assistant Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The LALLEMAND SAS of Blagnac, FRANCE, assignee of the above-identified application, declares that MA18/5M deposited on March 22, 1991, in the permanent collection at the CNCM (Collection Nationale de Cultures de Microorganismes = National Collection of Cultures Microorganims), Institut Pasteur, 28 rue du Dr. Roux, 75015 Paris, France. The deposit will be available during the pendency of the above-identified application to one determined by the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to be entitled to access thereto under Rule 14 of the Rules of Practice in Patent Cases and 35 USC 122, and that all restrictions on the availability to the public of the culture so deposited will be irrevocably removed upon the granting of the patent; that the deposit will be replaced should the culture die during the pendency of the application or during the life of the patent, and

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that whatever steps needed will be taken to maintain the culture in its above-described accessibility and availability for 30 years in accordance with the Budapest Treaty or for five years after the last request for the deposit at the depository or for the enforceable life of the U.S. patent to issue, whichever is longer.

SANCHEZ Christian declares that he is a representative of the assignee company and is authorized to sign this declaration on behalf of the company. The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under \$1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the

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application or any patent issuing thereon.

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#### RECEIPT

in the case of an original deposit under a bilateral agreement between the depositor and the CNCM

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Référence d'identification donnée par le déposant Manufaction reference given de the depositor Numéro d'ordre attribué par la CNCM Accession mentes pron dy ria CNCM

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La présente autorité de dépôt internationale accepte le microorganisme identifié ci-dessus qu'elle a reçu le 22 mars 1991 aux termes d'un accord bilatéral.

Elle assure la conservation du dit microorganisme sous une forme viable et non contaminée pendant 20 (vingt) ans à partir de la date de réception du microorganisme. The present international depositary authority accepts the above-identified microorganism that it has received on March 22, 1991 under a bilateral agreement.

It keeps viable and uncontaminated the said microorganism for 20 (twenty) years after the date on which the microorganism was received.

Fait à Paris, le 29 mai 1995 Done in Paris, on May 29, 1995

Yvanne CERISIER
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